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THE FOLLOWING SHOULD BE USED IN CASE QUESTIONS ARE
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Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE "ARMED FORCES
JOURNAL" STUDY ABOUT SOME PENTAGON OFFICIALS COOLING
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OFF ON THE NATO-AWACS (E-3A) BELIEVING NOW THAT THE
E-2C CAN ESSENTIALLY DO THE JOB AT LESS COST?

A: WE HAVE SEEN THE STORY AND IT IS NOT CORRECT.

NO DISAGREEMENT EXISTS OVER THE NATO AWACS PROGRAM
AMONG RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS AT THE PENTAGON. ALL

DOD ANALYSES INDICATE THAT THE E-3A'S ARE THE BEST SOLUTION FOR NATO AEW NEEDS. THIS IS ALSO THE CONCLUSION OF NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES WHO HAVE STUDIED THE E-3A IN COMPARISON BOTH WITH THE E-2C AND THE UK NIMROD.

Q: HAS THERE BEEN A STUDY DONE SUCH AS ALLUDED TO IN THE ARTICLE?

A: THERE IS NO STUDY AS REFERRED TO IN THE ARTICLE.

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